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UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS #506

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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2. MUSIC: Theme

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25. (MORE)

Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers;

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ANNOUNCER: (CONT'D)

At the Ranger Station we find Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant Jerry Quick reading the latest cooperative agreement between the State Conservation Department and the Forest Service covering the management of the wild life resources on the Pine Con. Here they are

JERRY: (FADING IN) Whew! Mister, I see some trouble ahead.

JIM: Huh? What's that, Jerry?

JERRY: This article here ... number 12 (READING) It is further agreed that sufficient hunting licenses will be issued to insure the reduction of the present deer herd by one-third; and that the hunt this year shall place no restriction on the class of animals to be taken from the range. (STRAIGHT) That's quite a change over past policies, isn't it, Jim?

JIM: Yeah, I reckon we can expect some discussion about it.

JERRY: Discussion? Isn't that putting it pretty mild? I bet the Sportsmen's Club and the Nature Study Association'll go up in the air about it.

JIM: I reckon the Stockmen will be interested too. 'Specially those in the valley whose winter grain fields have been takin' a beating from the deer these past years.

JERRY: But to let hunters take a third of the whole herd ...

What about that, Jim?

JIM: I've anticipated that, so I've called a meeting of my own. Jerry.

ANNOUNCEMENT (CONT'D)

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What about that, Jim?

JIM: Jerry, we've learned through the years that there's got to be a balance between the number of animals on the range and the amount of feed that's available. You know that. Just like cattle on a range.

JERRY: Sure, Jim. I know all that. I know the hunters'll have to help us out if we don't want a lot of deer starving to death again this winter, but

JIM: Seems to me if game is to be game, there's got to be a hunter. And in a case like this the hunters got a special responsibility to help us maintain a thriving healthy herd of deer. Here on Pine Cone it's either a case of keeping the herd in balance or letting it outgrow its range and losing it by wholesale starvation and disease

JERRY: Then you're goin' to O.K. this agreement, huh? Even though a lot of folks'll think it's pretty drastic?

JIM: It's hard to please all the people all the time, Jerry. I don't think anybody could be any fonder of our Pine Cone deer than I am, and that's why I want to do what what I feel is best for the deer ... and for the land and the forest.

JERRY: Yeah. Just the same, though, there'll be some folks around here that'll get all hot under the collar ... and they'll be calling all kinds of meetings, and ...

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JERRY: Huh? What do you expect to accomplish with a get-together here in Winding Creek. You won't be able to prove

JIM: This ain't goin' to be a town meeting, Jerry. No, sir! I want to get the folks right out in the woods, up there on the deer range. Where we can see what we're talkin' about.

JERRY: Good for you, Jim. But gosh, how're we going to get all the folks that might want to sit in, up into the forest? We'll need a caravan.

JIM: Nope, I think one car's all we'll be needing, Jerry. You see, I've invited the groups we mentioned to send a representative each. There'll be Fred Bakar ...

JERRY: For the Sportemen's Club, huh?

JIM: Yep. And Mrs. Bronley for the Nature group.

JERRY: She's swell, Jim. Sincere as they make 'em.

JIM: And Frank Thompson. He'll be along, too, representing the Cattle Grower's Association.

JERRY: Boy, that sounds fair enough. When is it to be?

JIM: We're all going in the deer country tomorrow morning, bright and early, Jerry. And I reckon I'll just wait to O.K. this agreement 'till after we've had our session (FADE) out there in the woods.

(PAUSE)

Well, that is your right to do with it as you please.
Now in this case, you won't be able to prove it.
This is a fact, to be a fact, it must be proved.
I want to see the facts right out in the world, if
there are any facts. There are no facts here.
Nothing, nothing.
Good for you, Jim. At least, how far we go in to get it.
The fact that right now is all in, up into the tower.
Well, that is a fact.
Now, I think one can't all be wrong, but
For me, I've tried the facts as they are.
and a representative man. There is no fact here.
For the speaker's own sake, huh?
Yes, and Mrs. Brown for the same group.
She's small, Jim. She's as they make it.
At least, Jim. He'll be wrong, too, right?
The Galt's Group's Association.
Boy, that sounds like enough. What is it to be?
There is all right in the same manner looking forward
right and well, Jim. And I know I'll be right
to G.L. this agreement, will then we've had our
session (over) out there in the world.

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JIM: (FADING IN) This is some of the winter range I wanted you folks to see, Frank. There's mighty little forage left here, and if you look over there at those trees you can see how the deer cropped everything clean, as high as they could reach, standing up on their hind legs.

FRANK: Golly, the way this range looks you're think a herd of elephant went thru here.

FRED: Yeah. No browse left here to put any meat on a buck deer's ribs, is there.

JERRY: Nor on a doe's ribs either, for that matter, Mr. Baker.

FRED: Well, being a hunter. I'm not so interested in does, particularly, except perhaps as they might come in handy in .. ahem ... raising more bucks.

MRS. B: Indeed! Then I suppose you agree that the female deer should be killed along with the male animals this coming hunting season, as Ranger Robbins suggests may happen?

FRED: Mrs. Bronley, I don't agree at all with that kind of an arrangement. Personally, as a sportsman, I've never gone in for shooting does.

MRS. B: Well, that's different. You see, Ranger? You can expect both the Sportsmen and Nature Study Groups that Mr. Baker and I represent, to protest against any season for animals other than the buck deer. And I'm not too sure that your idea of reducing the deer herd by one-third is sound either.

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JIM: But you can see plain enough, though, Mrs. Bronley, that this range here can't be expected to feed all our deer this winter. You'll agree on that, won't you?

MRS. B: This is only part of the whole winter range. Perhaps ... even ... the worst part?

FRANK: Whoa there, Mrs. Bronley. That ain't exactly being fair to Jim, here, is it, accusin' him of only showing us the bad side of this picture?

MRS. B: I didn't mean that at all . I ... I ...

FRED: Of course, not, Frank. What Mrs. Bronley was getting at is maybe the rest of the range isn't as bad off as this one area we're lookin' at now.

JERRY: Not so bad off? Why, there's a lot of places that show even heavier use than this part of the range does.

JIM: That's the truth, folks. We've made some pretty careful studies, and the only way we can figure it is that it's going to be necessary to reduce the size of our Pine Cone deer herd at least a third, if the rest are going to have anything left to eat ... Frank, here, is a stockman, and he knows that if you've got more cattle than you can feed on the range, the only thing you can do is reduce the herd. It's the same with deer ... I thought I could make you see that by showin' you some of the range here but ... (UP Mrs. Bronley! Look out!

SOUND: OF THUMP, MRS. BRONLEY IN BRUSH.

But you can see plain enough, though, that...

What this thing has been isn't as expected to find all...

And this matter, you'll agree on that, won't you?

There is only part of the whole winter range...

... even ... the worst part?

What chance, then, possibly, that isn't exactly being...

Take to this, here, in all, certainly, him or only showing...

on the back side of this picture?

I didn't mean that at all. I ... I ...

Of course, not, I think, that Mrs. Bradley was given...

as to where the rest of the range isn't as bad off...

as this one area we're looking at now.

That is bad off, but, there's a lot of things that...

When you look at this part of the range, then...

That's the point, really. We've made some pretty good...

progress, and the only way we can figure it is that it's...

going to be necessary to reduce the size of our flock...

One does kind of feel a kind of, if the rest are...

going to have everything left to eat ... I think, then...

in a moment, and we know that if you've got more...

settles than you can feed on the range, the only thing...

you can do is reduce the herd. It's the same with deer...

I thought I could ask you see that of course, too...

some of the range part isn't ... (In Mrs. Bradley)

Look out!

ENDING OF THURP, MRS. BRADLEY IN BRUSH.

1. MRS. B: Oh dear!

2. JERRY: Gee, you tripped over something. Here let me help you

3. up, Mrs. Bronley.

4. MRS. B: Thank you, Jerry ... It was clumsy of me to fall

5. that way ... I'm quite all right, though. Let's

6. go on.

7. FRANK: Here's what your foot caught against, ma'am, see?

8. FRED: Say. That's part of a skeleton, isn't it? What is it

9. Ranger? A cow ... or a horse?

10. JIM: Nope. It's what's left of a deer ... a pretty big

11. deer, I'd say.

12. MRS. B: Of course. A poor animal shot by some hunter who left

13. it to crawl into the brush here and die.

14. FRED: Now wait a minute, Mrs. Bronley. I assure you most of

15. us hunters are good sportmen. We trail our game when

16. we hit it. And not many deer get away, really.

17. FRANK: It could be that this critter died from starvation,

18. couldn't it, Jim?

19. JIM: I reckon that's what killed it all right, Frank.

20. MRS. B: Then ... then, the food shortage here is actually

21. that bad.

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I wonder that's what killed it all right, Frank.
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as I have a good apartment. We shall see how it
I was a minute, Mrs. Bronfay. I assure you most of
it to start into the Irish home and life.
Of course. A poor fellow who by some chance the last
year, I'd say.
Kopel. It's what's left of a lot ... a pretty big
Bangum. A cow ... on a house?
Say, that's part of a skeleton, isn't it? What is it?
Here's what you took against, m'own, now?
So on.
That was ... I'm afraid all right, though. Let's
Frank, don't worry ... It was plenty of me to tell
up, Mrs. Bronfay.
Let's for tonight ever something. Have for me help you
In good!

JIM: Yes, ma'am. On some parts of this range you can find the bones of a good many deer that starved to death. Just last week, riding over the North End, seemed like my horse shied about every hundred yards or so ... and I tell you I was kinda shocked myself ...

FRED: That is bad, Jim. I'm kinda impressed with this business of not enough food to go 'round. All this has sure been an eye-opener to me, I don't mind telling you.

FRANK: (CHUCKLING) Looks like Mrs. Bronley has tumbled onto that, too. Huh, Ma'am? No offense meant, of course

MRS. B: (LAUGHING) Of course not ... Yes, I am impressed, too, even, if I did have to fall over what's left of this poor animal to see it ... Now, where were we?

JIM: Coming around to agreeing, I hope that this herd here on the Pine Cone ought to be reduced one-third this season and kept to that size, for its own good, and the good of the forest.

FRANK: You might say ... for the good of the farmers and us stockmen too, Jim. We had enough deer raids on our places last winter to do plenty of damage ...

MRS. B: Well, I guess it's the only sensible thing to do ...

Yes, my dear. On comparison of these things you can find

the source of a good deal of the trouble that started in Berlin.

That I am right, I think you will find out, I am sure.

It is my hope that about every hundred years or so...

and I tell you I was indeed shocked myself...

That is all, my dear. I am sure you will find this interesting.

It is not enough food to go round. All this has

been said to you before, so now I don't need saying more.

(Continued) I am sure you will find this interesting.

What, too. Yes, my dear. No other means, of course.

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important as ever. I am sure you will find this interesting.

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do...

1. FRED: But ... still, that doesn't change my sentiments
2. about shooting does ...
3. MRS. B: Oh, dear! I'd almost forgotten about that. Why
4. shoot the does?
5. JIM: There's several good reasons, ma'am.
6. FRANK: Maybe I can answer Mrs. Bronley's question ... Jim ...
7. Look, ma'am ... and you too, Fred. S'posin' us
8. cattlemen didn't ever sell off any of our famal
9. livestock? What kind of herd you think that'd
10. leave us with? Huh?
11. MRS. B: It's a question of breeding there, isn't it?
12. FRANK: Sure. Us cattlemen, we don't kill all our fine bulls
13. either. What kind of a herd of cattle you think we'd
14. be left with if we only saved our scrubs and all our
15. cows? Huh?
16. MRS. B: Oh, dear. I'm getting more and more confused.
17. JIM: It's like Frank says, Ma'am. We want to preserve
18. the good breeding quality of our deer herd. It'll
19. give us a smaller but healthier bunch of animals.
20. MRS. B: I'm beginning to understand. What you're tyr
21. trying to do is make sure that we'll have a really fine deer
22. herd from now on, is that it?
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about shooting down ...

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JIM: Yes, Ma'am. You see, we've got to choose between two things. Either we can hold down the size of our deer herd by legitimate, carefully controlled hunting; or if we don't, Nature will reduce the herd for us, and Nature will do it the hard, cruel way ... by slow starvation and lingering disease ... one poor deer after another getting weaker and weaker in a fruitless search for food, 'till finally it can no longer get to its feet again, and must lie there, 'till death comes ... Nature can be pretty cruel, sometimes ...

FRED: Well, Jim, I think you can count on our Sportsmans' Club to go along with you and the State Conservation Department on this.

JIM: Thanks, Fred.

FRANK: That goes for us livestock fellers, too, Jim.

JERRY: That's swell, Mr. Thompson.

JIM: Yeah.

MRS. B: And I don't think you need to worry about any protest from our Nature Study Association, Mr. Robbins ... after I explain it all to them.

JIM: Thank you, Ma'am. It sure makes it easier for a Forest Ranger when folks like you take the time to thrash things out ... right in the forest, on the ground.

JERRY: Well, I guess we can start back to the car, huh Jim?

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 11. and keep it, too. ...if only we handle it right.

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 20. be mighty tickled to see us burned out. So, let's
 21. really observe this coming Fire Prevention Week by
 22. firmly resolving to be extra careful with fire from
 23. now on ... in our homes, in and around our factories
 24. and our war plants ... and in the woods. Thank you!

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